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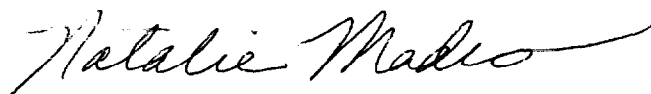
To whom it may concern:

As one who is concerned about the welfare of all animals, I strongly urge you to grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for food, and instead, having a downed animal humanely euthanized.

I also wish to emphasize these points which are other legitimate reasons for prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals:

- *Downers pose an increased risk for bacterial contamination. There is also evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"), a disease that has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD, or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease).*
- *It is impossible to move downed animals humanely.*
- *Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.*

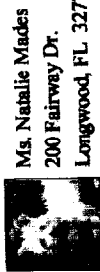
I sincerely thank you for your time and efforts.



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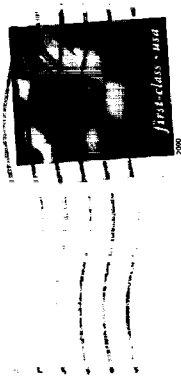
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